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FEBRUARY 27, 1975 - THE HAGUE

SUMMARY

THIRD MEETING DATA/ALLOCATION WORKING PARTY (DAWP),
FEBRUARY 27, THE HAGUE DISCUSSED STATUS OF DATA PREPARATION
AND SUBMISSION BY GOVERNMENTS, SECRETARIAT DRAFT ON
ALLOCATION PROCEDURES AND US PROGRESS ON VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT.
CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT CONFRONTED INDUSTRY
REPRESENTATIVES WITH DEMAND THAT MONTHLY SUBMISSION OF
EMERGENCY DATA, INCLUDING FORECASTS, CONTINUE BEYOND SIX
MONTH TRIAL PERIOD. INDUSTRY SPOKEMAN STRONGLY RESISTED
MONTHLY SUBMISSION AS BURDENSOME AND UNNECESSARY. DATE
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OF NEXT MEETING TO BE DETERMINED AT NEXT SEQ MEETING,

MARCH 19, 1975.

END SUMMARY

1. CHAIRMAN VAN RHIJN IN INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT, REPORTED HIGHEST LEVELS OF FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED FRENCH OIL COMPANIES WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN DATA SUBMISSION TO IEA SECRETARIAT ALTHOUGH AFFILIATES IN IEA

COUNTRIES WOULD BE FREE TO DO SO. SECRETARIAT ADDED THAT CFP AND ERAP WOULD SUPPLY DATA ON INFORMAL BASIS.

2. DAWP RECEIVED US DEL PROGRESS REPORT ON VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO PERMIT US OIL COMPANIES TO COOPERATE IN IEA WITH SOME CONCERN. CHAIRMAN STATED DELAY MIGHT CAUSE LOSS OF MOMENTUM IN OIL COMPANY COOPERATION AND HOLD UP VITAL WORK ON STOCKS AND BUNKERS. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PERCEIVED RELUCTANCE OF COMPANIES TO SUPPLY FORECAST INFORMATION AND THE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND THE SECRETARIAT OVER ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES AND RESTRICTED ACCESS TO PROPRIETARY DATA.

3. SECRETARIAT REVEALED THAT ONLY THREE COUNTRIES HAD SUBMITTED EMERGENCY DATA (QUESTIONNAIRE B). SEVERAL DELS, INCLUDING US, UK AND FRG, INDICATED THEY COULD MAKE PARTIAL SUBMISSIONS WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

4. RESPONSES TO THE DEMAND RESTRAINT QUESTIONNAIRE ALSO SPARSE. SECRETARIAT REPORTED ONLY FOUR COUNTRIES HAD REPLIED. DELS SURVEYED INDICATED SEVERE PROBLEMS IN PREPARING DATA IN CONFORMANCE WITH QUESTIONNAIRE AND WERE URGED BY CHAIRMAN TO MAKE BEST EFFORT FOR EARLY SUBMISSION. US DEL PROMISED EFFORT TO COMPLY IN TWO WEEKS.

5. SECRETARIAT DRAFT ON ALLOCATION PROCEDURES PREPARED AT REQUEST OF GOVERNING BOARD WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY. DAWP CONSENSUS EMERGED THAT PAPER WAS TOO SKETCHY AND THAT TOPIC REQUIRED ELBORATION INTO HANDBOOK. SECRETARIAT WILL UNDERTAKE TASK OF DRAFTING HANDBOOK OVER NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

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6. SWEDISH DEL MADE PRESENTATION ON BASE PERIOD. THRUST OF SWEDISH CONCERN APPEARED TO BE EFFECT ON ALLOCATION RIGHTS OF WIDE AMPLITUDE OF SWINGS IN OIL CONSUMPTION OVER WINTER AND SUMMER MONTHS. DAWP GENERALLY FELT THAT SUPPLY RATHER THAN CONSUMPTION SHOULD BE THE BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION OF SEASONAL EFFECT ON ALLOCATION RIGHTS. DETAILED CONSIDERATION OF BASE REVISION -- ALSO A CON-

CERN OF JAPANESE WHO PRESENTED DRAFT PAPER INCORPORATING
A GROWTH FACTOR -- WAS DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION AT A
LATER MEETING.

7. IT BECAME VERY APPARENT FROM THE REMARKS OF CHAIRMAN AND THE SECRETARIAT THAT BOTH BELIEVED IT ESSENTIAL FOR INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE MONTHLY SUBMISSION OF FORECASTS AND OTHER EMERGENCY DATA ON A CONTINUING BASIS. IN AFTERNOON SESSION WITH THE INDUSTRY, CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT TOLD INDUSTRY REPS THAT MONTHLY SUBMISSIONS BEYOND

SIX MONTH TRIAL PERIOD WERE NECESSARY AND HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED OR AT LEAST NOT PRECLUDED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD DECISION OF DECEMBER 18-19, 1974.

8. INDUSTRY SPOKEMAN TOOK STRONG EXCEPTION TO SECRETARIAT POSITION STATING INDUSTRY VIEW THAT EMERGENCY DATA WOULD BE SUBMITTED ON MONTHLY BASIS ONLY FOR SIX MONTHS AND THAT THEREAFTER SECRETARIAT WOULD RELY ON QUARTERLY SUBMISSIONS FROM NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. HE ADDED THAT HIS COMPANY AND PRESUMABLY SEVERAL OTHERS FOUND PROSPECT OF MONTHLY DATA SUBMISSION VERY BURDENSONE AND BELIEVED IT TO BE UNNECESSARY. INDUSTRY REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SUBMISSION OF FORECAST DATA WHICH WAS DESCRIBED AS MOST DIFFICULT DECISION FOR BOARDS OF DIRECTORS TO MAKE.

9. EXCHANGE BECAME HEATED WITH CHAIRMAN WARNING THAT FLAT REFUSAL WOULD BE VIEWED AS VERY SERIOUS AND THAT POTENTIAL DETERIORATION OF COOPERATIVE CLIMATE WOULD OCCUR IF "... GAME IS PLAYED HARD".

10. US DEL INTERJECTED THAT WHILE EMERGENCY DATA FLOW ESSENTIAL FOR ALLOCATION, USG UNDERSTOOD DECEMBER 18-19 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNING BOARD CONCLUSIONS TO MEAN THAT:

- MONTHLY, DIRECT SUBMISSION OF DATA TO IEA BY SELECTED COMPANIES WOULD LAST FOR SIX MONTHS;
- RESULTS OF THIS TRIAL WOULD BE EVALUATED; AND,
- DECISIONS WOULD THEN BE MADE ON FUTURE DATA PROCEDURES.

11. SECRETARIAT AGREED NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE BUT CONTINUED TO ARGUE THAT GOVERNING BOARD CONCLUSIONS ALSO MEANT THAT CONTRARY DECISION TO END MONTHLY SUBMISSION AFTER SIX MONTHS TRIAL HAD NOT BEEN MADE.

12. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES STATED THEY WOULD THINK
ABOUT THIS TURN OF EVENTS AND ADVISE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
INDUSTRY WORKING PARTY.

13. NEXT DAWP MEETING WILL BE DECIDED AT SEQ MEETING
ON MARCH 19. INGERSOLL

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